a work of the Church with which his own fine scholarship put him in sympathy. Father McMahon is a thorough Hebrew and Biblical scholar, has published a new version of the New Testament based on Challoner's revision of the old Douay Bible, and has also edited an edition of the Haydock Bible. Father McMahon's gift is for the faculty of philosophy for the laity : thus balancing, as the contributor of the *Pilot's* University Notes happily remarks, Miss Mary Gwendoline Caldwell's magnificent gift for the highest education of the priesthood.—*Catholic Record, London.*

The Rev. Father Strappini, S.J., rector of St. Aloysius, Oxford, has received into the Church Mr. Johnston Murray, B.A., (Edinburgh University), the principal student of the Scotch Episcopalian Theological College. It is only a few weeks since that the same learned Jesuit received into the fold the Hon. William Gibson, eldest son of Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland.—*Catholic Record.*

One of the sons of Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., who is travelling in Australia, has been received into the Church. The ceremony took place in the Catholic Cathedral Church, St. Patrick, Melbourne, the catechumen being conditionally baptized under the name Cyril Leo Alban.

The oldest college in North America was founded in 1531—the College of St. Ildefonso, in the City of Mexico. The next oldest is Laval College, Quebec.

A Belgian inventor has presented the Holy Father with a telephone, which His Holiness was graciously pleased to accept, and what is more gratifying still to the inventor, to use. Already the Holy Father has heard while sitting in his study the singing and the sermons delivered in the more important churches in Rome. It is said that he has also heard through the instrument the speeches delivered in the Italian Parliament.—*Catholic Record.*

When Father Junipero Serra landed on the coast of California, in 1770, he baptized an Indian of the Monterey tribe, named Gabriel. This man died recently at the supposed age of 150 years. He helped to build the missions of Carmelo, San Antonio and Soledad. As late as 1880, he used to walk three miles to Mass and back every Sunday.—*Sacred Heart Review.*

According to the *Australasian Catholic Directory* for this year, summarized by the *Hobart Catholic Standard*, the Catholic population of Australasia, including New Zealand and Tasmania, amounts to 629,505, whose spiritual needs are attended to by 25 archbishops and bishops, and 774 priests. The churches number 1,103, spread over 411 districts. The children attending Catholic schools are 85,342, the greater proportion of whom receive instruction in the 649 primary schools, and the rest in two ecclesiastical seminaries, 17 colleges for boys, 90 boarding schools for girls, and 117 superior day schools. They are taught principally by 348 Religious Brothers, and a large number of the 2,588 Nuns. There are also 51 Catholic charitable institutions in these colonies.—*Toronto Catholic Review.*

The first dictionary was compiled by Paout She, a learned Chinaman who lived in the year 1100 B.C.

The first book published in California was a Catechism yrinted at Monterey in 1823. The name of the publisher was Zamorano, and the type used had been imported from Mexico.

Harvard expends $26,000 annually on her library, Columbia $20,000, Cornell $8,000, Yale $7,500, and Princeton about $4,000.—*Ex.*

EXCHANGE HUMOUR.

A burning question.—"Where's the fire."—*Harvard Lampoon.*

What he ought to get.—Poet : How much ought I to get for that poem ?
Editor—Oh, I should think about ten—
Poet (with a sickly smile)—Yes, I know what you are going to say : "Ten dollars or thirty days."
Editor—No, sir ; ten years.—*Judge*

"I played left-field last year," said the baseball man, "and this year I got left again."—*Lampoon.*

The following clever epigram was found by a schoolmaster among the "exercises" of one of his boys:—
"A fellow-feeling makes us wondrous kind."
Perhaps the poet might have changed his mind,
If in a crowd one day he chanced to find
A fellow feeling in his coat behind.
—*Sacred Heart Review.*